Accordingly, a Special Duty Group of CISF personnel is being trained for VIP protection duties.

The training of CISF personnel on VIP security is continuing in a phased manner at NSG Training Centre and CISF Training Institute.

Anti-Terrorist cells in States

794. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set-up special anti-terrorist cells in each State to face any terrorist related activities; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard, with number of such cells situated in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN RATHAK): (a) and (b) Almost all States have agreed to initiate action to strengthen local capabilities and set up Special Task Forces with the trained personnel and state-of-the-art weaponry to effectively counter the incidents of terrorism.

Request for conferring 'Bharat Ratna' on Kalpana Chawla

795. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria for conferring 'Bharat Ratna" title on an individual;

(b) whether the Central Government have received requests from the public to confer 'Bharat Ratna' title posthumously on Kalpana Chawla, the Indian born astronaut;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government; and

(d) if the request is not being considered favourably, the reasons for rejecting the request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) In terms of the statutes and rules relating to Bharat Ratna, the decoration is awarded for exceptional service towards

the advancement of Art, Literature and Science, and in recognition of public service of the highest order.

(b) to (d) Several requests have been received from the individuals/ public to confer Bharat Ratna posthumously on Kalpana Chawla. However, no decision has been taken in the matter.

Organisations created by ISI

796. SHRI B.R SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ISI has created many organisations that ostensibly are meant for social service but their actual purpose is to engineer hatred between Hindus and Muslims of India;

(b) if so, the names of such organisations alongwith the source/ sources of their findings; and

(c) the reasons for not putting a ban on these organisations yet?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) The Government has no such information.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Functioning of NGOs in India

797. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Non-Governmental Organisations operating in India are funded from abroad;

(b) if so, the details of such NGOs, their purported activities, their sources and extent of funds received by them during the last three years;

(c) whether the existing machinery/legal frame-work to monitor the use of these funds is considered adequate; and

(d) if not, the steps being taken to fine-tune the monitoring mechanism to scrutinise the functioning of these NGOs?